



**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS**  
**CITY OF CHICAGO**

July 9, 2019

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MuckRock News  
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Dear Mr. Chapman:

On behalf of the Department of Buildings, I am responding to your Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request received on July 1st, 2019, and with the Independence Day on July 4th, 2019 being a holiday, is now being answered in a timely fashion. In your request, you asked for the following:

*"...A copy of all intergovernmental agreements..."*

Please note that each City department is a public body under Section 2 of FOIA, 5 ILCS 140/2(a). See *Duncan Publishing, Inc. v. City of Chicago*, 304 Ill. App. 3d 778, 784, 709 N.E.2d 1281, 1286 (1st Dist. 1999) (clearly, each of the individual departments are subsidiary bodies of the City and are public bodies as defined by the FOIA.) A FOIA request must be directed to the department that maintains the records you are seeking.

The Department of Buildings neither possesses nor maintains any documents responsive to your request.

To the extent that you consider this a denial of your FOIA request, you have a right of review by the Illinois Attorney General's Public Access Counselor, who can be contacted at 500 S. Second St., Springfield IL 62706 or by telephone at (217)558-0486. You may also seek judicial review of a denial under 5 ILCS 140/11 of FOIA.

Sincerely,

Christopher Lynch  
FOIA Officer  
Department of Buildings